long-term objective of which is to achieve a stable population by 2045, the National Commission on Population requested the States to fornulate State Population Policies to effectively deal with various issues relating to population stabilization in each State. In view of the wide inter-State and intra-State differences, the States were also advised to prepare District Action Plans for the identified high fertility districts for improving the socio-economic and demographic indicators affecting population growth. Following this, many States have formulated their population policies and some others are in the process of doing so. There is a general commitment on the part of all State Governments to implement necessary policies and programmes for early population stabilization.

Annual plan for Assam

2706. SHRI P.N. SIVA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Annual Plan for 2001-2002 with respect to Assam has been finalized;

(b) if so, the total outlay and the targets of economic growth, agriculture and industrial growth fixed thereunder; and

(c) the allocations for social and economic infrastructure, including health, education,roads, power and environment and forests contemplated thereunder?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHORIE): (a) to (c) The Annual Plan of Assam for 2001-02 has been finalized at a meeting between the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and the Chief Minister, Assam on 22-6-2001. The total outlay has been fixed at Rs. 1710 crores. The State Government has been requested to submit the proposed Sectoral Outlays. These will be finalized after they are received from the State Government.

Non-lapsable fund to N.E. State*

2707. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of non-lapsable fund allotted to the North Eastern States; State-wise since its inception;

(b) whether it is a fact that some Central departments are not releasing their ten percent non-lapsable fund to the pool; and

(c) whether these non-lapsabe funds are released through North- Eastern Council, whether there is any link of this fund with the North-Eastem Councils fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Till date, an amount of Rs. 951.07 crores has been released from the Non-lapsable Central Pool of Resources for the various projects in the North East and Sikkim since its operationalisation during the financial year 1998-99. Details are as follows:—